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SO THEY JUST SAT AND SAT AND SAT

In Oklahoma City Negro teen-agers under NAACP guidance last month attempted to break jimcrow practice in some stores and restaurants. When they were refused service, as above in the Katz Drug Store, they just sat for hours. They came back the next day and the next, and in some cases the management gave up. Takes perseverance—and guts. More power to these kids.

AND IKE PLAYED GOLF

The integration fight: It's 'national policy' vs. state obstruction

AT NOON on Aug. 28, when the nine Supreme Court Justices filed in to take their places, the courtroom and the corridors were filled to capacity by an audience anticipating a momentous and historic occasion.

The Justices were called back from their vacation to hear arguments on the NAACP's appeal to vacate a stay granted by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, staying its own reversal of District Judge Lemley's order postponing Little Rock school integration for two and a half years.

NAACP attorney Thurgood Marshall urged the court to act swiftly so that the seven Negro students seeking to return to Little Rock's Central High would have "the protection they need and desire." He said the courts could not surrender "to obstructionists and mob action," just as when a bank is robbed, "you don't close the bank—you put the robbers in jail."

SHARP QUESTIONS: To Justice Whittaker's query whether he was asking the court to decide the whole merits of segregation versus integration at Central High, Marshall said he would be glad if the court would rule on the whole merits of the case.

Richard C. Butler, chief counsel for the Little Rock school board, followed Marshall. Butler asked the court to rule only on the 30-day stay granted by the Circuit Court. He pleaded that the stay be allowed to stand, so that the board would have time to file a petition with the Supreme Court to review fully the Circuit Court's ruling in favor of integration. He called for "patience and forbearance," and for time for the board to explain to the citizens of Little Rock what was "national policy" on integration.

The intensely dramatic quality of the

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THE FACTS ON THE QUEMOY CRISIS

New danger of war rises in the Formosa Strait

By Kumar Goshal

ONLY DAYS after the Afro-Asians in the UN had pulled the U.S. back from the brink of war in the Middle East, Washington last week seemed again to be heading for the brink in the Formosa Strait.

For nearly three years the U.S. has been helping Chiang Kai-shek build up the military strength of the Quemoy Islands, less than ten miles from the Fukien coast of China. Two weeks ago Peking's forces began shelling the islands heavily, in retaliation for the continuous bombardment of coastal villages and towns. There were reports that Peking was massing forces in Fukien to take over the seat of harassment so close to its mainland coast.

Washington reacted belligerently. President Eisenhower at his Aug. 27 press conference said that Quemoy was vital to Chiang's defense. He did not rule out the possibility that U.S. forces would use atomic weapons in any war over Quemoy. Secy. Dulles warned Peking it would be wrong to assume that an attempt to recover Quemoy could be "a limited operation." It would be, he said, "a threat to the peace of the world."

REINFORCEMENTS: Washington went beyond a warning. It rushed the Seventh Fleet from Singapore (where they had caused a furor by their presence) to the Formosa Strait to join the Navy aircraft carrier Essex and four destroyers detached from the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

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World protest may save Jimmy Wilson's life in Alabama

AN UNORGANIZED, spontaneous and still growing world protest movement last week seemed destined to save Jimmy Wilson, 55-year-old Alabama Negro handyman, from death in the electric chair on a charge of stealing $1.95.

The Alabama Supreme Court has upheld Wilson's death sentence, but has pending before it a petition for rehearing. The court's next reporting day was Sept. 4, the day before the scheduled execution. Alabama sources insisted that even if a rehearing were denied, Wilson would automatically get a stay to permit further court action or an appeal for clemency to the governor.

Although Alabama Gov. James E. Folsom refuses to discuss the case before it is officially before him, he said on Aug. 26: "If I can find some excuse to turn somebody loose, I'll always do it." His office is flooded with protests and appeals from all over the world.

HARRIMAN ACTS: New York's Gov. Harriman joined those intervening in Wilson's behalf on Aug. 29 by wiring Gov. Folsom, a personal friend. Harriman's action was credited largely to the Buffalo headquarters of the New York United Independent-Socialist Campaign Committee, which added Wilson's cause to its petition-circulating chores, and formed a non-partisan committee which sent a delegation to see the governor.

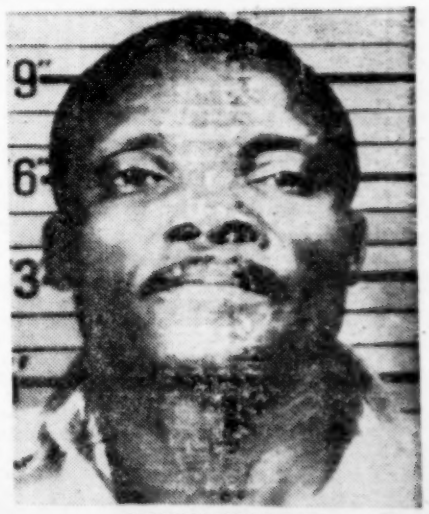
The suddenness and the scope of international reaction to the case still had State Dept. officials, sensitive to such matters, baffled last week. **Jet** magazine, a Negro monthly, first told the Jimmy Wilson story in full, but the first general report of his plight was in a routine five-paragraph Associated Press story dated Aug. 16.

Original reaction abroad apparently came in Australia, where a group protested to the U.S. Ambassador. The news then spread to Canada, where Mrs. Kay Lines of Toronto called Prime Minister Nkrumah of Ghana, an old friend, by long-distance telephone. On Aug. 27 Nkrumah asked his Washington Ambassador to supply him with the full facts in the case.

PLENTY GOING ON: Since then most European papers, East and West, have front-paged the issue, and the press in Asia, Africa and Latin America have taken it up.

Other world-wide actions have included these: In Ottawa, Canada, a member of Parliament called upon the government to intervene. In Rio de Janeiro a petition was signed by 1,800. In London, West Indian students demonstrated before the U.S. Embassy in a driving rain, and several groups of prominent personages sent letters to President Eisenhower. In Manchester 500 signed petitions asking for a reprieve. In Copenhagen a youth congress protested to Eisenhower and Folsom.

Most persons abroad were shocked to learn that robbery is still a capital offense in many states in the U.S. and that in Alabama those put to death for it have all been Negroes.



JIMMY WILSON

There was a cry of outrage

THE MAIL BAG

Keep on trying

NEW YORK, N.Y.

I was struck by Anna Louise Strong's remarks (Aug. 25) about the deep desire for peace and friendship with all peoples, including Americans, which animates the people of the Soviet Union. I spent ten days or so in Moscow and Leningrad recently and can testify to the truth of the impression. That passion for friendship was manifested toward a group of Americans lined up against the fence surrounding the U.S. Embassy in Moscow on the day of the first great demonstration against U.S. intervention in Lebanon. It is amazing what easy and deep rapport one feels with these people on what might be called the human, emotional level.

It is lamentable that when it comes to serious political discussion on the intellectual level it is virtually impossible to communicate at all. Ordinary people have, and more sophisticated ones either have or pretend to have, an idealized picture of the foreign policy of their own government which makes it difficult for them to see any sense or morality at all in U.S. policy and absolutely impossible apparently to entertain any doubt about the flawlessly peaceful character of Soviet action in Hungary.

I am convinced that the effort to communicate must nevertheless be persistently made. From our side that can effectively be done only by those who see and frankly proclaim the stupidity and frequent immorality of current U.S. foreign policy.

A. J. Muste

Unprincipled politics

NEW YORK, N.Y.

The most hopeful political activity to emerge on the horizon during the years of Witch Hunt and Cold War has been the launching of a United Independent-Socialist ticket, headed by Corliss Lamont and John McManus, in this November's statewide and senatorial elections in New York.

Yet one reads with dismay that the Communist Party leadership is actively opposing this movement. Their refusal of ads submitted by the Independent-Socialist candidates to the **Worker**, added to the warning that the united movement withdraw all statewide candidates or they (the CP) would give "only conditional support to Dr. Lamont" in his race for the Senate, is the rawest kind of political blackmail!

This display of unprincipled politics is equalled only by a similar maneuver of the Old Guard leadership several years ago when they extended left-handed support to the Democrat, Wagner, and adopted a "drag-your-feet" policy with respect to Clifford McAvoy, the American Labor Party candidate in the contest for New York's mayor.

The die-hard leadership must not be allowed to perform a similar operation on the newly emerged United Independent-Socialist movement.

Bill Smith

For unfolded hands

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

So the Young Demos of California said in effect: "Get those Marines out of Lebanon." And so "Name Withheld" of Hollywood sees in this action "an overwhelming vindication of the policy of working within the Democratic Party." Maybe the young Demos felt a natural reluctance to go out and die for the oil interests and were unaware that they had been "worked on" by progressives.

Progressives can applaud this action, of course. But are we now, in view of this isolated event, to fold our hands in prayerful thanksgiving and wait patiently perhaps for years until another progressive action by Democrats occurs to bolster our timid souls? Would it not be action more in the spirit of the true progressives to get independent political moves going, such as the Independent-Socialist ticket in New York State, thus forcing the Demos to liberalize their own program if they hope to retain the votes of the common people? Also, of course, it would be building something the common people need most desperately, a political movement in support of their own needs and aspirations.

Hal Driggs

That beats everything

NEW YORK, N.Y.

As a small "i" independent socialist I've been circulating nominating petitions for the Independent - Socialist Party's slate, the Socialist Party's Congressional candidate, and the New Deal Pioneer Party's state senatorial candidate.

I ran into an obviously erudite young man in his mid-twenties who, when approached, glared at me scornfully and said, "I **don't** vote."

"Oh," I replied equally scornfully, "are you a member of the Beat Generation?"

"No," he responded. "**You** are."

Cynthia Speare

No pseudo-socialism

NEW YORK, N.Y.

I've been reading your most informative periodical for years and its lucid objective articles depicting the struggles of the people for a better way of life are most welcome.

I credit your clear analysis of the formidable Soviet-Chinese bloc to the fact that you have not permitted your reasoning to be influenced by any pseudo-socialists. I note in the Aug. 25 GUARDIAN you state that you are a non-communist pro-socialist publication. Doesn't the Trotskyite publication make a similar claim?

I enclose $10 for a two-year renewal of a hard hitting, pro-socialist, non-trotskyite publication.

Casimir T. Nowacki

Harry Carlisle's case

LOS ANGELES, CALIF

Unfortunately, your article on the Harry Carlisle case was based on incomplete data. In May, 1958, a two-to-one decision of a panel of the Court of Appeals ordered the case remanded to the District Court "with directions to set aside the order of deportation, without prejudice to such further proceedings by the Service as may be consistent with law."

This decision was based on the fact that at the deportation hearing the Special Inquiry Officer refused to order the production of a statement made in writing to the Service by one of the witnesses (Roy Huggins) who had testified that Carlisle had been a Communist Party member. The Court relied on the Jencks decision mainly.

In June, 1958, however, the government moved for a rehearing by the full nine-man Court. No date for the hearing has been set.

Rose Chernin,
Exec. Director
Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

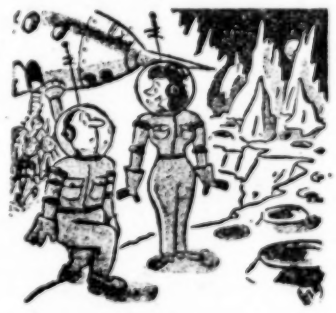
Al Fisher's right

PINEHURST, WASH.

Al Fisher has been subjected to two trials and two appeals following his arrest as he was on his way to stand picket duty during the big West Coast Woodworkers strike of 1954. He was charged with falsely signing the non-communist affidavit required of union officials under Taft-Hartley. If finally convicted Al Fisher faces a sentence of five years. Now here is the rub. Al has exhausted his appeals in the lower courts and now faces the task of getting his case heard by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Al has a right to have his case heard. But, to exercise that right Al must have at least a minimum fighting fund and here is one place your help is urgently needed.

Committee to Defend Al Fisher
P. O. Box 164
Pinehurst, Wash.



London Daily Mirror

"The first thing is to find a place to send postcards from."

For Cleveland area

WILLOWICK, O.

Readers in the Greater Cleveland area may be interested in joining other GUARDIAN readers to form GUARDIAN clubs to initiate meetings or discussions on matters of topical interest and to build the circulation of the paper. If you are interested in GUARDIAN club activity, if you have news items for the paper, if you are interested in display or classified advertising information, please get in touch with we.

Anita B. Reinthaler
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Willowick, O.

On the way

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Although world affairs, war in the Middle East and other problems seem most important at this time, I wonder why the GUARDIAN doesn't publish more articles on the impending economic collapse in the United States?

The increase in the national debt limit and increased foreign spending places our domestic economy in much worse shape than the countries we are subsidizing in order to keep them from going communist. I suppose this is what a real radical might want, but it sure isn't necessary. Automation, increased unemployment and an obvious social collapse are on the way. Let's do something about it.

Ed Simms

A long fight

CHICAGO, ILL.

I am still fighting my Ohio Fifth Amendment case. July 24 I filed in the U.S. Supreme Court for the second time. This all started April 1, 1952! We hope to get a final answer in our favor some time next fall.

This will not only settle pending cases for many other victims of the now defunct Ohio Un-American Committee, but will also be a democratic victory in one of the most reactionary states north of the Mason-Dixon line. I like your paper even though you sometimes slide about in your thinking. (The readers' letters always seem to help straighten you out!)

Anna H. Morgan

A good proposal

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Could the GUARDIAN include more space for comment from a broad spectrum of foreign periodicals? This would lessen chances of it becoming ingrown and doctrinaire in its approach to new developments and old questions.

Roger Cartwright

How Crazy Can You Get Dept.

Our nomination for the Most Unreconstructed Rebel of them all goes to the Montgomery, Ala., man who has said that under no circumstances will he buy a four-cent stamp featuring a likeness of Abraham Lincoln, a Republican president.

—Macon **News**

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REPORT TO READERS

The unbossed Boss

WE THOUGHT YOU FOLKS OUT THERE might like to be let in on a few of the highlights of the free and open conventions held by the Democratic and Republican parties in New York State last week. We can think of no two better reasons for voting the straight Independent-Socialist ticket in the Empire State.

On the Democratic side, in Buffalo, there was no surprise over the renomination of Gov. Harriman, whose chief claim on history is that he was one of the main architects of the cold war and remains true to his crusader's oath to battle to the end against "world communism." But there was a little brouhaha over the candidate for U.S. Senator. There the choice was "left to the delegates on the floor" who had been told last April how to vote by Democratic boss Carmine de Sapio. The choice was New York County District Attorney Frank Hogan.

Hogan was described by the N.Y. **Times** as having built up in 17 years in office a reputation for "integrity and honesty that has never been questioned." One might add: and for nonentity. You can count on one hand the number of times Hogan has expressed himself on matters not confined to the island of Manhattan.

The DA's office in New York is run like an army. Nobody talks without consulting "the Chief," and the Chief doesn't talk. An associate once said of him: "If it is the duration of great sentiments that makes great men, then Frank S. Hogan is a great man." That is reaching pretty far down in the barrel.

MAYOR WAGNER OF NEW YORK and Gov. Harriman were holding out for Thomas K. Finletter, a more liberal cold warrior, for the Senate spot. But Carmine got the boys off into a side room, while the free and open delegates were milling about on the rudderless convention floor, and said: "It's Hogan." It was Hogan.

To cream the cake, Carmine also successfully put up Peter J. Crotty of Buffalo, the Erie County Democratic leader, for Attorney General. Crotty is a real old-fashioned county boss whose political theories are so moss-backed that he is beloved of the Republican Buffalo **Evening News**, a publication which has not had a fresh idea since McKinley.

An example of how Crotty operates: When the Finletter forces were planning a demonstration for their man, they hired three Buffalo bands to play in the convention hall. The local Crotty machine at the last minute hired the bands back at a higher rate to keep silent. How's that for free and open competition?

THINGS WERE MUCH QUIETER in Rochester, where Nelson Rockefeller was named as the Republican candidate for Governor. There were some touching attempts to pin the nickname "Rocky" on this ambitious son of John D. Jr., but they didn't take. Asked how she felt about her husband's running, Mrs. Rockfeller said: "It's what Nelson wants." And what Nelson wants he's got the means to get.

The only ripple came over the question of replacing retiring U.S. Sen. Irving M. Ives. Before the convention, in a sea of mediocrities, only Rep. Kenneth B. Keating stood out. But he said No: he felt he could best serve the nation by remaining in the House, where he was the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee. Then, in the best traditional manner, a draft movement was rigged up, complete with a call from the Vice President speaking for the President, and 24 hours later Keating said Yes: he felt he could best serve the nation by moving over to the Senate.

AND THE LIBERAL PARTY? Well, it met in gloomy session in New York, endorsed Harriman, balked over Crotty, and named Finletter for the Senate. The **Times** the next day summed up the measure of independence usually demonstrated by the Liberal Party. The headline over its story read: "Liberals Choose Finletter for Senate, But Could Shift."

They always could, couldn't they?

—THE GUARDIAN

WASHINGTON THE RECORD OF THE SESSION JUST ADJOURNED

How Congress gave the green light to monopoly enterprise

By Barrow Lyons
Special to the Guardian

WASHINGTON

NO PREVIOUS CONGRESS has so vigorously investigated the influence of monopolistic enterprise on the national economy, on the decisions of the Administration, and on Federal regulatory agencies as the Congress just adjourned. Nor has any previous Congress done less to bring these influences under control of the people.

One measure that might have begun a movement to cleanse the election process, the Hennings bill, was never reported out of committee. It called for full disclosure of campaign contributions, not only in the general elections, but the primaries. Few southern Democrats or Republicans would like to have the voters know the major sources of their campaign chests.

Members of Congress who recognize election reform as an essential step toward obtaining a Congress that more nearly represents a majority of the people feel discouraged, even hopeless, on this subject.

BACKDROP OF CONSERVATISM: Virtually everything that the 85th Congress has done—and avoided doing—must be judged against this background.

Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch
"Two more and we've got the works."

Perhaps the most significant alliance in the Congress which has just ended its second session, was the bond between Democrats from the southeastern states and the Republican leaders. The ultra-conservative approach, which is motivated by extreme fear of social and economic reform, has cemented this alliance into an obstacle almost impenetrable by progressive measures.

In the field of defense legislation conservatism was fortified by deeply ingrained primitive combative instincts. Russian progress has stimulated competitive military preparation. Congress appropriated $39.6 billion for defense, $815 million more than the President sought, and $6 billion more than last year. Chiefly because of this the debt limit was raised $13 billion to $288 billion.

This could spell continued inflation and depreciation of the dollar. Most certainly, it inhibits expansion of unemployment compensation, health and welfare measures.

DOMINANCE OF CORPORATIONS: The dominance of corporate interests over the public interest was evidenced in many ways.

Pressures by the Bankers' Lobby killed a proposed investigation of the banking system, which died in the House Banking and Currency Committee. The Oil and Gas Lobby defeated reduction of the petroleum depletion tax deduction. The Real Estate Lobby squelched expansion of public housing, financial encouragement of cooperative housing, and adequate slum clearance.

In the field of public and cooperative power legislation the open, raw influence of the Power Lobby, with the aid of the White House, won most of its objectives.

In the last days of Congress a bill to authorize the Tennessee Valley Authority to finance expansion through the sale of revenue bonds was defeated by the stubborn, autocratic refusal of House Rules Committee Chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) to give the measure a rule that would bring it before the House for vote.

IN SHERM'S OFFICE: The proposal for a high Federal dam in Hells Canyon to replace the low dams being constructed by the Idaho Power Co. fared no better. One of the members of the House Public Works Committee, who had pledged support, was found to be in the office of Sherman Adams, assistant to the President, when the committee vote was being taken. The bill was killed.

Herblock in Washington Post
Report from behind the Golden Curtain

A vigorous atomic energy program for rural electric cooperatives and municipal power systems was crushed; and a bill to restore to the REA Administrator authority to pass upon important REA loans died in committee.

Congress did, however, expand social security benefits, which is a major step in the direction of increasing the purchasing power of low-income groups. Each Congress since 1950 has made some move in this direction, not primarily to promote a balanced economy, but because the number of voters receiving social security benefits has increased enormously—from an original 26,000,000 to 74,000,000. There are now 127,000,000 holders of social security cards.

Unemployment compensation assistance to states was extended from 26 weeks duration to 39 weeks for states which desire to take advantage of additional Federal funds made available.

FARM LEGISLATION: In no area of law-making did the modern concept of a planned economy clash more openly with the 19th Century theory of the beneficent, self-regulating market place than in farm legislation. Secy. of Agriculture Benson, supported almost solidly by the Republicans and backed by many Democrats, has held to the theory that agricultural surpluses could be reduced effectively only by permitting the market to determine prices.

The result was legislation in the 85th Congress that routed the Farm Bloc all along the line. At the beginning of the session Benson asked for a bill that would enable him to reduce price supports on basic crops to 60% of parity, compared with the current 75% level. In the end, he got even more than he asked.

SOME PROGRESS MADE: Progress was made when the aid to education bill calling for expenditures of $887 million was passed in the last hours of the session. The main provisions were for $295 million in student loans, and $300 million to help schools buy scientific equipment. Emphasis was on the training of scientists and technicians to compete in space-age developments with Russia, although the proposal for 23,000 annual $250 scholarships for four years was eliminated. Nor was there any provision for school construction, considered by most educators as a basic need of our primary and grammar school system.

One of the most important, though least publicized, actions of Congress was the establishment of a small business capital financing system within the Small Business Administration. The chief mechanism by which this is to be accomplished is the establishment of Small Business Investment Companies, in which local capital is to be matched with Federal funds.

CONCLUSION: There just were not enough liberals in the 85th Congress to make it a liberal Congress.

McMANUS HITS AT MISINFORMATION

Independent-Socialists drive for 30,000 New York signers

By Robert E. Light

AS THE SEPT. 9 deadline for filing nominating petitions in New York approached, independent candidates stepped up the tempo of their petition campaigns. At a meeting in New York on Aug. 27, Independent-Socialist candidate for Governor, John T. McManus, announced that 18,479 petition signatures had been obtained. Required for a place on the ballot are 12,000, but the I-S campaign committee aimed at 30,000 in order to withstand all challenges.

Canvassing for signatures was to continue right up to Sept. 8. Volunteers for canvassing and processing of petitions were asked to come to I-S headquarters at 799 Broadway (phone: GR 3-2141) or to Young Socialist Alliance, 144 2nd Av. (phone: GR 5-7920).

ON MISINFORMATION: In his speech on Aug. 27 McManus sought to correct misinformation being spread about the political make-up of the Independent-Socialist movement, and especially the charge that it is "dominated by Trotzyites" and is "anti-Soviet" in policy. He said:

"I do not believe there is any fruit for us in picking fights with other groups we think ought to be with us. However, I don't believe, either, that those of us who are independents can stand aside and simply disclaim that the Socialist Workers Party has motivated this movement, that it is the most influential element in it, and so on . . . It is to the credit of each and every group and tendency participating in this effort that we have brought so near to success this gigantic job of placing a new party on the ballot.

"The Socialist Workers Party has been an exemplary part of this political coalition. It has stated its point of view which is listened to and heard along with other points of view. It has worked as well as anyone toward putting together a program on which we could find common agreement. If we had decided to have a sledge-hammer fight, it would have broken up the coalition. We have a good, fruitful, workmanlike coalition and while the SWP is not the most influential element in it . . . it certainly has been the most hardworking.

"I do not think that socialism in our country can be built by the technique of fratricidal warfare. I think the civil war on the Left should be over."

DAVIS CAMPAIGN: In Harlem Benjamin J. Davis, Communist leader running for the State Senate on the People's Rights ticket, centered his fire on the case of Jimmy Wilson (see p. 1). At one of his street corner rallies, 2,000 people passed a resolution demanding that Gov. Folsom stay the execution. On Aug. 25 Davis addressed a meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Conference on the Wilson case. The ministers moved to raise funds for a protest campaign and urged its 400 affiliated churches to circulate petitions.

KOPPERSMITH CAMPAIGN: On New York's lower East Side Hal Koppersmith, who describes himself as socialist curmudgeon running for the State Senate, asked all socialist groups to cooperate in "guaranteeing the largest socialist vote possible" in New York. He called fur support of the full Independent-Socialist ticket and for David McReynolds, candidate for Congress in Manhattan's 13th CD, and for Davis. Koppersmith himself was not assured a place on the ballot unless he got 3,000 petition signatures. He was organizing canvassers from his headquarters at 323 E. 8th St.

DETROIT—SIGHTS ON '60: In Detroit, where attempts to organize a united socialist ticket failed, the Socialist Workers Party, having collected 35,500 signatures last winter, had a full slate in the field. Frank Lovell, SWP candidate for Governor, sent a letter to all other socialist groups urging their support. Noting that the groups were not in agreement except on the need for socialism, he asked for "critical endorsement and support." He wrote: "It is our proposal that we begin to work together now despite our differences on many questions. In this way we hope to accomplish . . . united socialist action, and preparation for a national united ticket in 1960."

CLEVELAND ACTION: Also looking beyond the November elections were Eric J. Reinthaler and J. Gordon in Cleveland. They circulated a letter last June to leading progressives calling for a national socialist conference late this year. They report favorable response from many well-known socialists throughout the country. In a follow-up letter they conclude: "A place must be provided where the experiences of socialists in the November elections can be pooled and views exchanged on the question: 'Where do we go from here?'"

Those interested in sponsoring the project or expressing their views should write to Eric J. Reinthaler, 177 E. 316th St., Willowick, Ohio.

1957-58 RECESSION
LABOR LEADERS ARE TRYING TO SEIZE THE GOVERNMENT!
NEW DEALERS ARE SOCIALISTIC AND COMMUNISTIC
BY ANONYMOUS G.O.P. "POLICY COMMITTEE"

Herblock in Washington Post
"You'll note the familiar cave painting motif."

War and peace—and the public spirit of America

The following editorial appeared in the Arizona Daily Star of Tucson on Aug. 21, 1958.

IF SOME SOVIET MAGAZINE with more than 1,000,000 circulation, and enjoying wide respect for its alert reporting, should publish in one of its current issues two pages replete with pictures and diagrams showing how Soviet submarines armed with thermonuclear weapons could devastate strategic industrial centers in the United States, what would we do?

Would we not cite it as proof of the Soviet Union's aggressive plans to attack us, and compel us to submit to its domination?

Would it not frighten a large number of American people to see such a graphic article, and would they not become angrier and angrier at the Soviet Union?

Well, the Soviet Union has not done this. But we have.

All one needs to do is to go to a newsstand and purchase a copy of the August 22 edition of U. S. News & World Report, and turn to Pages 52 and 53. On Page 53 appears a geographic diagram, a well-done job in yellow and black and white print, with the yellow arcs reaching down from the polar cap to as far as Moscow, Magnitogorsk and other targets in Siberia and Kamchatka. These arcs portray the range of our missile-armed submarines operating in the polar seas.

Printed in white type on black is the explanation, "Thus: American nuclear submarines, hidden under the polar ice cap, could strike sudden retaliatory blows with the Polaris-type ballistic missile that might knock out most of Russia's warmaking facilities."

Grant in Oakland Tribune
No better memorial?

WHILE IN SOME RESPECTS this news may encourage our self-confidence, we must not overlook the fact that the Russians will reproduce this article, and cite it as proof of America's aggressive designs and plans to destroy the Soviet Motherland. We should expect the Russian people to react just the way we would react, if they used a similar printed display to prove how well the Moscow government plans to use its undeniably vast submarine power.

Connect all of this with the landing of our troops in Lebanon, only a few hundred miles from Russia's southern border. Can we blame the Russians for calling us warmongers and ambitious imperialists? Would we restrain ourselves as well as the Russian government and its people have so far, if something like that were done by the Russians to us?

BECAUSE THIS MATTER involves war and peace and the destiny of our country, it should have the sober consideration of the American people. The kind of public spirit it arouses, a spirit of fear, anger and of nearly blind militancy, creates the political atmosphere that incites and intensifies the very, very dangerous armament race we are now in.

If we use the records of history as a guide, we will see that comparable situations have developed many times in the past, and that always wars have followed. That so little is being done to calm apprehensions, that efforts to promote a more peaceful spirit are denounced, and brushed aside, provide a startling contrast.

How else can anything but war happen when the American public spirit of today has become intoxicated with that militant self-righteousness that always precedes every war?

Why is there such a total absence of any kind of a program that would teach those civilian fundamentals of fair dealing such as doing unto others as we would have them do unto us?

The Supreme Court

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issue being discussed was evidenced by the sharp questions from the bench that often pierced the court's dignified procedure. Marshall was asked few questions; but Butler faced a barrage of them.

LAW OF THE LAND: Justice Frankfurfurter tartly pointed out that the Supreme Court's 1954 decision had already set the "national policy." A sharp exchange came between Chief Justice Warren and Butler when the latter asserted that Gov. Faubus had told the people of Arkansas the 1954 decision was "not the law of the land." When Butler reminded Warren that he had been the governor of a great state, the Chief Justice cut him short, saying:

"When I was governor . . . I abided by the decisions of the court. I have never before . . . heard a lawyer argue that the statements of a governor, on what is legal and illegal, should control the actions of a court."

The last to plead was U.S. Solicitor Gen. J. Lee Rankin, representing the government through the Justice Dept. and presenting the government's view at the request of the Supreme Court. Fully supporting the NAACP's views, Rankin said:

"The American people are entitled to a definitive statement from the Supreme Court as to whether force and violence are grounds for going backward a step."

FORCE AND VIOLENCE: He noted that the trouble at Central High was not the fault of the Negro students but of those who used force and violence and against whom the school board should have sought an injunction. He added:

"If you teach the children that as soon as you get force and violence, the courts are going to bow to them, I think you destroy the whole educational process, then and there."

Assuring the court that he believed "in due regard and careful consideration of the South's problems," Rankin continued:

"There is not a place in the country, if it has the will, that can't make a start, even a small one, in solving this problem."

After listening to all the arguments, the Supreme Court ordered the Little Rock school board to file its petition for a review of the Circuit Court's ruling by Sept. 8, with the understanding that Central High would not open until Sept. 15; permitted the government and the NAACP to file briefs on the merits of the board's appeal by Sept. 10; and set Sept. 11 for oral arguments by all parties.

IKE'S STAND: Rankin's argument was weakened, however, by President Eisenhower's statement the day before at his press conference that he personally preferred "slower" integration because "we have got to have reason and sense and education . . . if this process is going to have any real acceptance in the U.S." In a rebuttal to Rankin's statement, Butler quickly pointed out that the President's position "is exactly the position the school board has taken." This was also the plea of Arkansas Senator Fulbright, who had filed a friend of the court brief.

NAACP exec. secy. Roy Wilkins denounced the President's statement as "incredible." He said that four years after the Supreme Court decision seven southern states have failed to place a single Negro student in an all-white school, and that only 770 school districts out of some 3,000 in the South have done anything toward integration. "If this is too much speed," he said, "then we certainly do not understand the word speed."

On Sept. 1 the Little Rock school board, on the recommendation of Butler, voted to postpone the opening of Central High and other schools until Sept. 15, despite Gov. Faubus' opposition. Mrs. L. C. Bates, Arkansas president of the NAACP, said that, no matter what happened, Negro parents were still willing to step forward and say:

"I want my child to get a better education; I want my child to go to Central High school."

INSIDE THE BUILDING NINE MEN WERE TALKING ABOUT THEM AND THEIR SCHOOL
Six of the Negro students who attended Little Rock's Central High outside the Supreme Court.

Peek-a-boo!

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JIMCROW OVER THE OCEAN

Race riots in Britain and why they occur

By Cedric Belfrage

LONDON

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS last week carried these black headlines: "Race Riot in Britain" and "Little Rock Must Not Come to Britain." The headlines were prompted by clashes which had erupted in the industrial Midlands city of Nottingham and in London over the previous weekend. It was Britain's worst race violence in years.

In Nottingham on Aug. 23 more than 200 white men and women and West Indians, Africans and Pakistanis fought for nearly two hours with knives, bottles, razors and sticks. The Nottingham police said the fighting broke out as a colored reprisal for previous attacks by whites. In the next week carloads of white youths toured London's Notting Hill section attacking West Indians with iron bars and other weapons.

An Englishwoman who had narrowly escaped injury in Nottingham said: "It was ghastly. Shop windows and pavements were spattered with blood. Trouble has been going on for monthss, but we have never had such a night as this."

THE REASON WHY: Racial tension in Britain has increased with the influx of West Indian and Pakistani workers fleeing from acute unemployment at home and welcomed by British industries to overcome the post-war labor shortage. With unemployment growing in Britain itself, friction between white and colored workers has become more frequent, especially in taverns and dance halls, and hotels and rooming houses, this summer.

For example, in Wolverhampton this summer an unidentified man leaped on the band platform during a dance at the Scala ballroom and chopped up three trumpets and a saxophone with an ax before being led away.

Wolverhampton is a community in the Birmingham industrial complex, where an above-average percentage of the 190,-

000 colored people in Britain live and work. (Two years ago the influx of Negroes into bus-service jobs there caused a brief, abortive strike by white busmen.) The Scala dance hall has banned colored people; members of the progressive Musicians Union have consequently been instructed not to play there. The Scala sued the union for conspiracy and damages, but the suit was dismissed on the ground that it is not unlawful to oppose the color bar. The man with the ax was presumably expressing his sentiments about scab bands, the "color bar," or both.

In the same week three American women who had booked rooms at a London hotel months before were turned away when the manager saw they were Negroes. This gave the Episcopalian Bishop of New Jersey—one of many bishops staying at the hotel for the Lambeth conference here—the opportunity to comment with pride: "It could never happen in New Jersey." None of the bishops was reported checking out in protest.

HOW CIVILIZED? These events, coinciding with Paul Robeson's return to Britain, caused many in the U.S. and elsewhere to wonder about Britain's reputedly civilized attitude on the "color question." Frank Pilgrim, public relations officer of the British Caribbean Welfare Service, reported to Jamaica his grave concern about the "official condonation" of "violent behavior" toward colored peoples here.

The London hotel incident aroused strong protest from such an unlikely quarter as Beaverbrook's **Daily Express.** In the Wolverhampton situation, both national and local sympathies were predominantly but by no means wholly with the opponents of the "color bar." When the jimcrow dance hall's license came up recently for renewal before the magistrates, it was opposed by church, union and other groups and by the City Council majority (the local press sat the argument out). The license was nevertheless granted with a mild caution; the Scala defiantly continues in business with scab bands.

The basic issue will be fought out when a bill to make the "color bar" illegal, presented by Wolverhampton's Labor MP John Baird, comes up for debate in Commons. At its first reading July 8 the bill was cheered by Labor back-benchers, but the party leadership has expressed only general and noncommittal support. After the Nottingham riots, a Labor and a Tory MP from the city urged a curb on non-white immigration.

KNIVES AND SKINS: Jimcrow has not yet got a claw-hold upon British life, but the danger is increased by the rising unemployment with consequent "hardening" toward colored applicants for jobs. What is peculiar to the situation here is that opposing forces within the government itself are potentially strong. While Tories will stall legislative action by pretending the danger doesn't exist, the Colonial Office's Welfare Service, and district race-relations welfare officers, paid by local authorities but "steered" by the Service, can wield limited indirect influence against jimcrow.

When dance halls complain that Negroes dancing with white women lead to violence by "teddy boys" armed with knives, the Service's position is that "it's up to you to maintain order by keeping out people with knives, not people with darker skins." Staffed by colored people, the Service shows no sign of falling asleep at the switch, but the need for legislation is becoming clear.

Ivo S. Souza of the Welfare Service, a West Indian, told the GUARDIAN at the Colonial Office: "Nothing will prevent recurrence of racial discrimination 'incidents' unless public opinion comes out squarely against it. That is the essence of our problem."

A GUN ON MATSU, WITH THE MAINLAND IN FULL VIEW
Just imagine this pointed at New York from Long Island . . .

The Quemoy story

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It also alerted Air and Naval forces in Okinawa and the Philippines and sent the aircraft carrier Midway from Hawaii to join the Seventh Fleet (the news leaked out after three days). The Essex and the Midway raised to six the number of carriers with the Seventh Fleet. The First Marine Air Wing went from Japan to Formosa. Commanders of the Seventh Fleet and the 13th Air Force sped to Taipei for operational talks with the commander of the U.S. forces in Formosa.

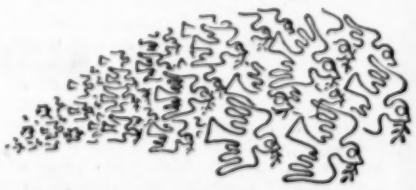
DULLES WARNS: On Aug. 29, Washington released the reported text of a Peking broadcast to the commander and deputy commanders of Chiang's forces in Quemoy. The broadcast declared the islands' defense to be hopeless and expressed Peking's determination "to liberate Formosa, a territory of the fatherland, as well as the offshore islands." It said that "the landing in Quemoy is imminent" and urged Chiang's commander to surrender or "lead your soldiers in a revolt," in which case "the people will excuse you in accordance with our fixed policy." Formosa was reported to have suppressed news of the broadcast.

In an unusually swift comment, the U.S. State Dept. "took note of the broadcast," and repeated Dulles' warning that an attack by Peking on Quemoy would be "highly hazardous"; it accused China of "militarism and agressive expansionism." The last comment was extraordinary since even Chiang concedes that Formosa and the offshore islands are integral parts of China.

TRUMAN'S LEGACY: The U.S., in fact, has for nearly a decade preserved Chiang in Formosa as the "real ruler" of the Chinese people. By this maneuver, Washington has been able to control an extra vote with veto power in the UN Security Council, to intervene in Asian affairs to protect and expand its economic and political interests, and to retard the economic and social progress of the Asian countries under the guise of saving them from "communist aggression."

For four years from 1950—when President Truman sent the Seventh Fleet to the Formosa Strait to prevent China's unification—Washington debated whether to fight to maintain Chiang's control over Quemoy, Matsu and other offshore islands. In September, 1954, President Eisenhower prevented Dulles, Adm. Radford and the top brass from precipitating a war with China over Quemoy.

In February, 1955, Dulles astutely piloted his Formosa policy successfully through Congress. Congress sanctioned a mutual defense treaty with Chiang, and gave the President the authority to decide whether Quemoy and other offshore islands, in addition to Formosa, came under the protection of the American



eagle. It was this authority the President and Dulles seemed close to invoking last week.

NEW SITUATION: But the Administration seemed blind to the sharp changes in the international situation, which have made its Formosa policy obsolete. China today is a major power, and recognized as such by most of the world. Its influence is no longer confined to Asia but is felt in international affairs with or without its physical representation.

After a conference in Peking, Soviet Premier Khrushchev discarded the idea of a summit conference under the auspices of the UN Security Council. As he later told Adlai Stevenson: "Will I sit down at the same table with that political corpse, Chiang Kai-shek? No, I will never do it." All countries except the U.S. agree that such momentous international issues as suspension of nuclear tests, disarmament and cooperative economic development would be fruitless without China's participation.

A LONE STAND: It is evident that Peking is determined to assert its rightful place in world affairs. If it decides to eliminate hostile forces from the offshore islands—and even to restore China's unity by recovering Formosa—few will question its right to do so. Moscow has warned it would support Peking in its claim to the islands.

If Dulles goes to the brink over Quemoy, he will have little support from his allies. Every time the brink-of-war policy has been applied, the U.S. has lost additional allies. In the Middle East fiasco, only Macmillan and de Gaulle sided with Dulles. Against China, the U.S. would stand alone.

Phoenix skipper faces two-year term

A FEDERAL COURT in Honolulu on Aug. 26 found anthropologist Earle L. Reynolds guilty on a felony charge. The felony consisted of Reynolds' having sailed his ketch, the Phoenix, on July 2 into a 390,000-mile restricted Pacific Ocean area set aside by Washington as a nuclear-testing zone. With his wife and son and a Japanese crew member from Hiroshima he had been on his way from Hawaii to Japan when he decided to defy the restrictions as a moral protest against the Bomb tests and in defense of freedom of the seas.

The jury in Honolulu deliberated 2½ hours. Reynolds faces a maximum sentence of two years in prison and a fine of $5,000. He said last week that he would consult with his Washington attorney, Joseph L. Rauh, before deciding on an appeal. The address of the Phoenix Defense Fund is P.O. Box 5199, Honolulu, T.H.

IN OLD CHEYENNE: Four other persons who made a moral protest against weapons of destruction were arrested and found guilty last week of trespassing in Cheyenne, Wyo. They were Erica Enzer, 32, of Chicago, John White of Lansdowne, Pa., Ellanor Calkins, 22, and the Rev. Theodore Olson, 26, of Allsington, Pa. They were seeking peacefully to persuade construction workers to leave their jobs at the new Atlas inter-continental ballistics missile site near Cheyenne.

All four said they would sit out their $100 fines in jail at the rate of $1 a day. Mrs. Calkins' husband Kenneth was run down by a bulldozer the week before and suffered a broken pelvis. The address of the Cheyenne Anti-Missile Protest Committee is 2103 Carey Ave., Cheyenne.

HARRY GOLDEN'S 'ONLY IN AMERICA'

A prophet with honor

IN A COUNTRY that has been notoriously tough on non-conformists these past ten years, the South would seem the least likely place for a free-wheeling humanist to set up shop and start circulating unpopular ideas. When the humanist turns out to be not only a Yankee, but the Jewish son of immigrant parents, only the most credulous would grant him much chance of success among a people wracked with excessive pride of race, religion and ancestry.

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A MAN OF CURIOSITY: Now Harry Golden has put much of the best material from **The Carolina Israelite** between the covers of a book, **Only In America,*** and the reasons for his success are readily apparent.

Golden loves good books and all sorts of people and obviously can never get enough of either. With a light touch and, we should imagine, a twinkling eye, he turns on them an insatiable curiosity, a spate of hurrahs where they deserve it and, when he considers it called for, a kind of benign, jocular criticism.

Many of the most appealing pieces in **Only In America** are the author's nostalgic recollections of life in the Jewish immigrant society of New York's Lower East Side. The family expedition to buy junior a bar mitzvah suit is a gem of its kind. In this and other essays a rich family and community life is portrayed with a fine mixture of wit and reverence.

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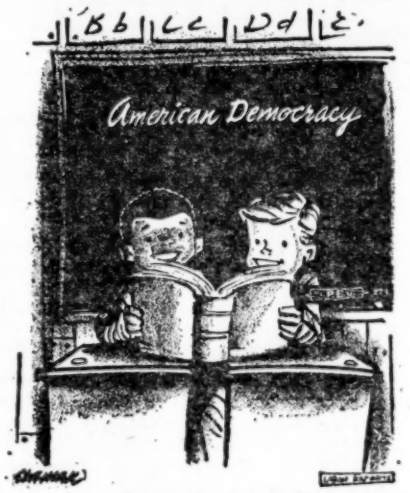

Seaman in Labor Advocate, Reading
LESSON ONE

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IT WILL COST TAXPAYERS of Boerne, Tex., $4,000 a year to educate two pupils in their community. Because the children are Negroes they were not accepted in the elementary school. As a result the County School Board will either have to provide transportation to and from a Negro school or hire third and fourth grade teachers for the children. What price jimcrow? . . . The Illinois American Legion has asked that a moratorium be declared on committing patients to mental hospitals until an investigation is made to see if mental health programs are "infiltrated by socialistic and subversive elements." . . . California residents may be cheered to learn that the governor of Baja California, Mexico, has offered sanctuary to Americans if an H-bomb war starts. . . . The latest Hollywood horror film, titled "The Fly," is about a "man" who, because of atomic mutation, has the body of a human and the head of a fly. Punch line on ads for the movie reads: "The fly that was buzzing around the house had once been her loving husband."

ACCORDING TO DANTON WALKER, columnist for the N.Y. **Daily News,** the big oil companies are "burned up over the new tax ruling which makes it impossible for them to claim as deduction the fees paid for 'influence' in foreign countries which runs into millions annually." . . . The Los Angeles City Animal Regulation Commission is looking for a "skunk tracker" to help rid the city of a polecat invasion. . . . Oklahoma City policeman H. D. Bayless is well qualified for the job. When he got a call from a housewife complaining that a skunk had parked himself in her garage, Bayless backed his car into the garage, left the motor running, closed the door and took a walk around the block. When he returned the skunk was asphyxiated. . . . Reader A. Robert Kaufman of Baltimore writes that in discussing business conditions a friend told him: "I don't worry about the recession—I lost all my money during the boom."

THE PROPER EARL OF VERULAM resigned as president of the British Cremation Society in protest against the merger of the London Cremation Co. with the Amalgamated Tobacco Corp. He described the arrangement as "quite improper." . . . In equally bad form to John Taylor, editor of **Tailor and Cutter,** a gentleman's fashion magazine in London, is the decision of the BBC to allow television announcers to wear business suits instead of dinner jackets on evening programs. . . . The Air Force is testing a nuclear ramjet engine capable of sending an aircraft 60 miles up at 5,000 miles an hour at Jackass Flats, Nev. . . . Catello Sacchetti of Naples, Italy, who volunteered to serve on the first American space trip to the moon, may not get to go at all. His wife, unhappy over long separations, checked with Italy's passport office and found that a man needs his wife's approval to go abroad alone. However, passport officials were uncommitted on whether the moon was considered "abroad." In addition, each Italian passport must list the countries the bearer is entitled to visit. Here, they said, Parliament would have to pass a law recognizing the moon as an "authorized country" before they would issue a passport.

OF ENGLAND'S "ANGRY YOUNG MEN" columnist Hedda Hopper says: "I'm sick of all of them sitting around yapping. Why don't they get out and get a job instead of beating their gums about the rich?" . . . To some Americans you just can't compete peacefully with the Russians. In the tin industry, for example, the Tin Council, a cartel of American, British and Dutch firms, sets the world price. When the U.S.S.R. began exporting tin, they were invited to join the Council but declined. Now the Council is complaining because the Russians are selling tin below the "fixed" price. In book publishing, **Publishers' Weekly** reports that in Africa and Asia the Russians are selling books in English at lower prices than the British or Americans—and many of the books are by American and British authors such as Dickens, Hemingway, Thackeray and Hawthorne.

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(The following story was written by a correspondent who accompanied the Robeson party on the journey from London to Moscow.)

ALL THE WAY FROM LONDON the excitement mounted. On the jet airliner (TU 104) which left from Brussels, in the front cabin reserved for VIP's Soviet passengers thrust Russian newspapers at Paul and Eslanda Robeson with their photos and welcoming articles. During the ride Paul had to pass his green passport around and everyone examined it. Then they showed theirs and asked for Eslanda's and laughed happily. At the end of the 3¼-hour trip ("I'm for jets," Paul said) all the passengers asked for an autograph.

The crowd at the Moscow airport waved bouquets of gladiolus and roses, snapped pictures and swept aside the official greeting party. The Minister of Culture, whose guests the Robesons are, finally made his way forward. "Welcome, welcome, Paul Robeson," said Minister Mikhailov. "Ochen rad!" (I'm very glad.) In the party were the noted singer Koslovsky, the writer Polevoi and many other leading cultural figures, all shaking hands in welcome, as 100 reporters and press photographers milled about. Within minutes the Robesons were all but enveloped in a sea of flowers.

FROM THAT MOMENT ON, every move the Robesons made in Moscow was reported and photographed. Wherever they went they were mobbed; people asking for his autograph, climbing autos and trees to catch a glimpse of Paul. At the Hotel Metropole, the maids and waiters and all the personnel lined the halls to greet him as he went out.

In the evening of his first day there was an hour-long TV show. He sang the Ukrainian "Dark Night" in Russian with Koslovsky. He sang the old favorites ("Curly Headed Baby" is a prime favorite in Moscow). Seven million people in the Moscow area saw and heard him talk about his home, his family and his musical theories. "Things are better for the Negroes in America," he said, "but there's still plenty to struggle for." He would go home and come again, he said, and his son and daughter-in-law and their two children would come too. He was warm and relaxed and almost never lost his broad smile.

Eslanda spoke her happiness and told of her brother, a circus performer in Moscow, who is now retired and living in Gorki.

AT THE CONCERT the following Sunday at the Sports Stadium, 17,000 people turned out. The concert had been sold out on 24 hour's notice. Ten little Pioneers rushed up and covered their "Polrobeson" with flowers, and a bearded old revolutionary high up in the arena, called for cheers for the "fighter for peace." He recited the closing speech from **Othello** ("I have done the state some service . . ."). He spoke half in Russian and half in English and that tickled the crowd even more. Like many of his audience, he was moved to tears by the reception.

He has been interviewed by reporters from scores of countries, seen the children of Negroes who came to live in the Soviet Union long ago, visited old friends and made countless new ones. Newspapermen told this reporter repeatedly what an experience it was to talk to him, and there is no question that everyone he meets feels the warmth and love for people that he radiates. Everyone here regards his passport victory as a victory for the downtrodden everywhere.

As he and Eslanda left for Tashkent in Central Asia and the Afro-Asian Film Festival, there was an offer for him to film **Othello**. From Tashkent they will go on a brief concert tour of the Black Sea resort areas, where they also hope to get some much-needed rest. Then they will return to Britain for a three-month concert tour of the Isles.

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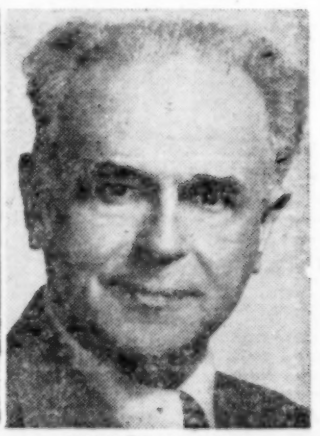

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